

Corbitt Connection

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March Resource Schedule

Art: 13th Music: 14th P.E.: 15th & 19th

Spring & Class Picture Day

Thursday, March 21st we will have our class picture taken. The class pictures are **pre-paid** only. That day the students will also take their spring pictures. I am hoping to send more information home about this soon, so please watch your child's planner.

FCAT Testing Policies

Last Thursday your child brought home an information sheet regarding this year's FCAT policies. Please be sure to read through the information carefully and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Your child's Spring Math Benchmark scores are now here! They took their final Benchmark assessment (FCAT practice test) back in February and we will be using this data to help guide our instruction in class. Some of the items tested on this assessment have not yet been covered in our math curriculum; however, this is a fairly reliable indicator as to how your child will perform on the FCAT in April. With that in mind, we wanted to share your child's results with you. For this week's tip I would like to encourage you to review the scores, and do not forget to utilize the many free electronic resources that can provide extra support in math. As always thank you for your support in ensuring your child's success!

Important Dates to Remember

March 15	Spelling Test
March 20	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
March 21	Spring/Class Pictures ☺
Mar. 25-Apr. 1	Spring Break-Have fun!
April 3	End of the 4 th Nine Weeks

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will learn about how to identify and explain the author's use of descriptive language. Descriptive language creates a mood, feeling, or picture for the reader. It helps the reader imagine how something looks, sounds, smells, tastes, or feels.

Writer's Workshop

This week we will continue our Report writing genre. Once everyone gathers their facts the students will begin sorting their facts into categories and then begin writing their rough drafts/ sloppy copies.

Skills Block

This week the students will take their next *Words their Way* spelling test this Friday, March 15th. We will also look at understanding analogies and figurative language (similes, metaphors, idioms, etc. . . .). We will also learn a few more capital cursive letters.

Math

This week we will finish up our fractions unit with measuring objects to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Our next topic will be time. We will learn about telling time to the quarter hour and to the minute, as well as elapsed time on a clock and a calendar.

Science & Social Studies

This week we will continue our energy unit. If anyone has any "home" magazines and/or catalogs that you would be willing to donate to our class I would really appreciate it.

Homework Schedule

Monday: Math *

Tuesday: Math *

Wednesday: Spelling *

Thursday: Math *

*EACH night your child should also read for a minimum of **30 minutes** and practice the multiplication facts. Remember the quizzes will be timed so the facts must be answered quickly!